

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-146

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALL COUNTY SERVICE AREAS AND THEIR ZONES PROVIDING WATER SERVICE, DECLARING STAGE 2 DROUGHT LEVEL

On Tuesday June 28, 2022, on motion of Supervisor Rutherford, duly seconded by Supervisor Cook and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, on April 21, May 10, July 8, and October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom issued proclamations that a state of emergency exists statewide due to severe drought conditions and directed state agencies to take immediate action to preserve critical water supplies and mitigate the effects of drought and ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, these proclamations urge Californians to reduce their water use; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 and proclaimed states of emergency that continue today and exist across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22 includes a request that the State Water Board require urban water suppliers to implement Level 2 of their water shortage contingency plans and establish a ban on the irrigation of nonfunctional turf by entities in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors; and

WHEREAS, California's water supplies continue to be depleted, significant drought conditions continue to present urgent challenges, and new, expedited actions are needed to reduce harmful impacts of the drought; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing drought will have significant, immediate impacts on communities with vulnerable water supplies that rely on stream flow and ground water; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom calls on all Californians to strive to limit summertime water use and to use water more efficiently indoors and outdoors; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, acting on Governor Gavin Newsom's direction, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) adopted an emergency regulation that went into effect on June 10, 2022 and includes: commercial, industrial, and institutional decorative grass should not be watered, give all trees just what they need: avoid overwatering, follow the local requirements of your water supplier, and all urban water suppliers should implement all Level 2 demand reduction actions; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 15-04 on June 23, 2015, establishing a water conservation program that provides conservation stages 1 through 4 to comply with the State's water shortage response actions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, acting as the governing body of all County Service Areas and their Zones providing water service, does hereby declare a Conservation Stage 2 – Drought Alert to conserve water at a level mandated by the State, but not to exceed Conservation Stage 2's maximum of forty percent (40%) water conservation, and directs the Director or Assistant Director of the Department of

Public Works – Special Districts to take any or all actions authorized for Conservation Stage 2 – Drought Alert under Ordinance No. SD 15-04.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: Curt Hagman

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY) ss.

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of June 28, 2022. #102 LA

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy